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SUBJ: AGENDA FOR OECD MINISTERIAL COUNCIL, JUNE 6-8, 1973

REFS: (A) USOECD 10264

(B) STATE 72126

1. SUMMARY: DISCUSSION OF MINISTERIAL AGENDA SHOWED
(A) CONSENSUS FIRST TOPIC SHOULD BE ECONOMIC SITUATION,
(B) GENERAL BUT NOT TOTAL AGREEMENT THAT LONGER RUN
ENERGY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ON AGENDA, BUT PERHAPS LESS
PROMINENTLY THAN SEC GEN HAD PROPOSED (REF A), AND (C)
SOME FEELING (PARTICULARLY ON PART OF FRENCH) THAT
DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AND SHOULD FIGURE IN
COMMUNIQUE. US REP PRESENTED INITIAL US VIEWS PER
REF B. HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AGREED TO MEET FOR
FURTHER DISCUSSION APRIL 25 . ACTION REQUESTED: ANY
FURTHER US POSITION, PARTICULARLY AS TO ASPECTS OF
ENERGY SITUATION THAT MINISTERS MIGHT TREAT, BY APRIL 25.
END DUMMARY.

2. DELS ACCEPTED THAT FIRST ITEM OF AGENDA SHOULD BE
GENERAL ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY.
NO DEL DISAGREED WITH US VIEW THAT XCSS SHOULD BE TREATED
UNDER THIS ITEM RATHER THAN UNDER ACTIVITIES OF THE
ORGANIZATION. REGARDING SECOND PART OF FIRST AGENDA
ITEM, US REP SUGGESTED MINISTERS SHOULD AVOID PROVIN-
CIAL PRESENTATION OF EACH COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BUT
CONCENTRATE ON A FEW KEY ISSUES SUCH AS INFLATION.
DENMARK, BUT NO OTHERS, SUGGESTED INFLATION ISSUE
MIGHT BE SENSITIVE TO SOME GOVERNMENTS AND SHOULD
THEREFORE PLAY MINOR PART IN DISCUSSION.

3. SEVERAL DELS SHOWED CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTLY
AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE FOCUS OF ENERGY DISCUSSION. NO
ONE SUGGESTED IN HEADS OF DELS MEETING THAT ITEM
SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM AGENDA, BUT TONE OF SEVERAL
INTERVENTIONS WAS CAUTIOUS, INDICATING FEELING (LIKE
THAT OF US) THAT ITEM SHOULD BE GIVEN LESS PROMINENCE
AND THAT DETAILED DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY OF " SHORT-
RUN" AND TACTICAL ASPECTS, SHOULD BE LEFT TO OIL
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COMMITTEE AND HIGH- LEVEL GROUP. JAPANESE AND FINNISH

REPS WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT ENERGY DISCUSSION NOT ATTRACT PUBLIC NOTICE THAT MIGHT LEAD TO COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE REACTIONS. US SUGGESTED ENERGY CHALLENGE UNDERSCORES OPPORTUNITY AND NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN OECD. EC REP SAID COMMISSION VERY FAVORABLE TO TREATING ENERGY IN ORGANIZATION BUT QUESTIONED TIMING OF DETAILED DISCUSSION (PRESUMABLY IN RELATION TO EC CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY POLICY). SWEDEN THOUGHT MINISTERIAL SHOULD BE USED TO STIMULATE MORE RAPID MOVEMENT ON OECD ENERGY STUDY. UK AMBASSADOR IN LATER PRIVATE CONVERSATION DISMISSED EC ENERGY POLICY DISCUSSION AS FACTOR IN TIMING OF OECD DISCUSSIONS, BUT HE ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER CONSIDERATION AT MINISTERIAL MIGHT IN EFFECT REDUCE RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR COOPERATION AMONG US, UK AND OTHER KEY COUNTRIES. SEPARATE TELEGRAM FOLLOWS ON RELATED QUESTIONS OF TIMING OF MEETING OF OIL COMMITTEE AND HLG.

4. FRENCH DEL, THOUGH OTHERWISE UNINSTRUCTED, LED OFF DISCUSSIONS BY STATING THAT FINMIN GISCARD D'ESTAING FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT MINISTERS DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT. FRENCH HAD NO POSITION AS TO WHERE ON AGENDA ITEM SHOULD APPEAR, BUT DEL THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD IF MINISTERS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MET WITHOUT TREATING QUESTION. NORWAY AGREED PUBLIC SHOULD BE AWARE DEVELOPMENT IN ITS BROADER TERMS COULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM FIRST SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEM ON GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. DENMARK THOUGH DISCUSSION MIGHT LEAD TO MANDATE, PERHAPS TO AN AD HOC GROUP, FOR CONSIDERATION OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT POLICY. GERMAN MORE PROMINENT, BECAUSE, HE TOLD US AFTER MEETING, IT WOULD MEAN BRINGING ANOTHER MINISTER TO MEETING.

5. IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS OF HEADS OF DELS, SEC GEN INDICATED HE WOULD BE GIVING FURTHER THOUGHT TO WAY AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE TREATED, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT, AND WOULD PRESENT HIS IDEAS BY NEXT MEETING OF HEADS OF DELS. HEADS OF DELS AGREED TO MEET APRIL 25 FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

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